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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, January 27, 2003, at 2 p.m.

Senate

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2003

The Senate met at 9:15 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. We will be led in prayer this morning by our guest Chaplain, Rabbi Arnold Resnicoff, retired Captain of the Chaplain Corps of the U.S. Navy.

PRAYER

The guest Chaplain offered the following prayer:

O God, who made a world of change, You challenged us to change the world. You gave us dreams of better times and the power to pursue those dreams, to do our part to make a difference and help those dreams come true.

Earlier this week we set aside a day to recall that there are those who seek to kill the dreamers, and thereby kill the dreams. But we will remember dreamers, those who had a dream, and through our work—through the courage and determination of Americans of all faiths and colors—we will embrace the dreams that make our Nation strong, that make us a force for hope and freedom throughout the world.

Almighty God, at a time when others say around the world that all is hopeless, that things will never change, we roll up our sleeves as this session now begins and remind ourselves that how we act does matter and what we do does count. Through our leaders here, through Americans from sea to shining sea—and of course, through those in our Nation's Armed Forces whose faith and courage must sustain them in harm's way—we will keep the dreams alive, to build a land where liberty will be proclaimed, where justice rolls like

mighty waters, where all shall live in freedom—and, one day, where none shall be afraid. And may we say, Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable JAMES M. INHOFE, a Senator from the State of Oklahoma, led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CORNYN). The majority leader.

SCHEDULE

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, this morning, after 10 minutes for debate, the Senate will vote in relation to the Inhofe amendment regarding clean air, to be followed by a vote in relation to the Edwards amendment. Following those votes, the Senate will proceed to executive session for the consideration of the nomination of Tom Ridge to be Secretary of Homeland Security. We have a consent agreement which provides for a limited period of debate, and therefore I expect a vote on the confirmation prior to the policy luncheons. I expect the Senate to recess for the policy luncheons following the vote on the Ridge nomination.

Additional amendments are pending to the appropriations measure, and therefore rollcall votes will occur throughout the afternoon and into the evening.

I remind my colleagues that late nights are anticipated as we continue to make progress on the bill.

As of last night, 245 amendments were filed. As I look through page after page of these amendments, I think all of us expected much fewer than that. I encourage my colleagues, as I look through page after page of amendments, to come together and ask that most or many of these amendments not be called up, that we can work them out in other ways. I also ask my colleagues to recognize that we do need to finish this appropriations bill in short order and go forward as we look at issues such as funding first responders and funding election reform which we have already passed.

Our goal, I think on both sides of the aisle, is to finish this bill as soon as possible, allowing time for debate and consideration of the appropriate amendments on this bill. Our goal is to finish this week. We will continue to work in good faith, working across the aisle, addressing each of the issues that are important to these appropriations bills. We worked yesterday and made great progress. We made great progress last night, into the early evening, and have been working on the amendments over the course of the last 18 hours since we have had the amendments. That goal of finishing this week is real and one that we should work towards accomplishing.

If we do finish this bill Thursday night, I expect we would not have rollcall votes on Friday or Monday. If we cannot finish it by tomorrow night—again, I recognize that is ambitious, but if we focus on completion of the bill, we can accomplish that—we will have rollcall votes through Friday and

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